

BAY-DELTA ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP

Summary of Written Comments Received Regarding Long-Term Solution Process Implementation Plan

Joseph E. Patton
Redding

- Favors single Program Director.
- Concerned about absence of quantifying "foregone economies" lost through lack of solution to Delta.
- Concerned "public values" and "problems associated with them" have not been identified and understood, particularly reliability.

Bob Vice, President
California Farm Bureau Federation

- Need to immediately "pick up where BDOC has left off."
- Governor needs to be directly involved; through appointments to new advisory council, then continued presence in formulation and implementation of long-term policy.
- Program must be completed in three (3) years. Solution must be formulated as soon as possible. BDOC work must be incorporated, perhaps through consent agenda.
- Partnership needs two program managers. One cannot serve two masters.
- Technical Advisory Committees must be part of the process.

Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel
Chino

- Need specific timetable, "procedural road map" with specific milestones. Can't have open ended process that drags on. Time line should be in place when advisory council begins meeting.

Steve Macaulay, General Manager
State Water Contractors

- The State Water Contractors Board of Directors "fully endorse the process to move ahead aggressively to develop solutions to problems of the Bay-Delta."
- Support single Program Manager, appointed as soon as possible.
- Need State/federal agency participation at the highest levels.

Dave Wilzbach
Pinole

- Wants new advisory council to consider 1929 Bay Barrier Plan.

Harry W. Stone, Director
County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works

- Bay-Delta problems "number one issue affecting any water management plans in Southern California today."
- Supports partnership, but skeptical, "as we have been down similar roads in the past."
- Support single Program Manager, independent of various interest groups.
- Staff, though from agencies, should be independent of them, assigned full-time and paid for by the partnership.
- Business community should be a part of the advisory council.
- Agreement should contain elements to "mandate a solution" assuring dependable water supply.

The Bay Institute (Gary Bobker)
Save San Francisco Bay Association (Barry Nelson)
Natural Heritage Institute (David Fullerton)
Environmental Defense Fund (John Krautkraemer)

- CALFED process should be based on near term improvements to Bay-Delta protections, comprehensive goals and scope, and successful implementation of related programs.
- Need timely adoption, implementation and enforcement of increased baseline protections.
- Participation in long-term process linked to: full enforcement of current and future water quality and endangered species requirements; interim implementation of improved water quality standards, with projects being "fully responsible" for meeting them until SWRCB allocates responsibility through water rights process or acquisition of water through mitigation fund; and, clear timetable for assessing final water user responsibilities.
- Process must consider: "greater restoration of the estuarine ecosystem -- beyond baseline protections;" "a comprehensive range of water resource management alternatives" (conservation, wastewater reclamation, conjunctive use, water transfers, land retirement on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley and in the Delta, growth management, restoration of aquatic habitat.); and, full partnership between State and federal governments (equal responsibility and representation).
- Advisory committee should have balance between instream and offstream user communities.
- Increased public involvement, with advisory council meetings open to the public.
- Support single program manager, broadly respected and neutral.
- Process must not duplicate or retard progress of other programs (CVPIA/CCMP).
- State and federal partners should commit to State cost-share for CVPIA and implementation of CCMP.

Lyle Hoag, Executive Director
California Urban Water Agencies

- Process should maintain continuity with the existing BDOC process and build upon its valuable work done to date.
- Process should be accelerated in order to be completed in time for next triennial review of water quality standards by the SWRCB.
- Need to secure consulting services as soon as possible.
- Technical teams should serve as technical review as opposed to data collectors and report writers.
- Whole range of affected parties should be examined as alternative funding sources.
- Budget and work products of CVPIA PEIS should be used to meet overlapping needs.
- Support single Program Manager independent of operating agencies with support from and accountability to highest sponsoring levels of State and federal governments.

John R. Wodraska, General Manager
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

- Fully supports and is committed to working within the process.
- Supports more central role for advisory council, particularly in relation to work of technical teams.
- Supports single program manager, independent and objective, with "unambiguous control over staff and resources"; and accountable to a single State/federal body.
- Suggest additional technical teams in areas of data management and demonstration projects.
- Technical teams must reflect same representational balance as advisory council; additional teams to address data management and development of demonstration projects should be created.
- Suggest memorandums of agreement amongst and between involved agencies to ensure long-term continuity and satisfaction of regulatory requirements.
- Cooperation needs to be elicited from affected but not directly involved agencies (e.g. FERC, Army Corps, PUC, etc.). MOAs suggested.
- Proposed modifications to program structural chart.